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Applicants: Louis P. Deiss et al.

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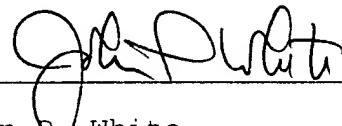
PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

An Office Action was issued on May 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 7, 2003 Final Office Action was due August 7, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the May 7, 2003 Office Action is now due November 7, 2003; the subject application is pending today; and applicants are concurrently filing a continuation-in-part application which claims the benefit of the filing date of the subject application.

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No fee, other than the \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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